

Town of Sheffield

Planning Board

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Public Hearing

Proposed Bylaw Regarding Formula Businesses

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 8:20 PM

TOWN HALL – 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Planning Board Members Present:

David A. Smith, Sr.
James T. Collingwood Jr.
Christopher Tomich

Absent Planning Board Member:

Margaret Martin
Peter Cherneff
Maria Nation

Members of the Public Present:

David Smith Jr. 599 Cooper Hill Rd.
Barbara & David West, 636 Silver St.
Martin Mitsoff, 960 Undermountain Rd
Kathy Orlando, 116 Main

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The Meeting was videotaped by David West.

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George Oleen asked why certain areas are allowed and not others.

P. Cherneff explained that the intention was to add formula businesses to this use table and to allow it in in certain areas and not in others.

Chris Weld stated that it seems that there are 2 components to this, one is aesthetic and the other economic. He is wondering if there are any studies on this, did towns benefit from this? P. Cherneff said that the history is that towns find this to be beneficial. He explained that the law

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does not allow restrictions based on who owns a business. He has not seen a single town that found it a mistake to restrict formula businesses.

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David West said you cannot favor a locally owned business over another business.

Barbara West all the towns mentioned are very wealthy towns. They are not looking for businesses to come in.

Martin Mitsoff asked if the general content was reviewed by an attorney. Mr. Mitsoff submitted suggested edits on the proposed bylaw to the Board. He feels this is a very laudable effort.

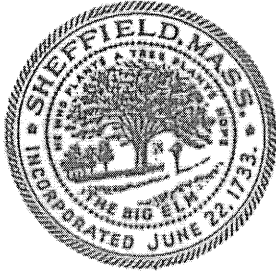
P. Cherneff made a Motion to continue this Public Hearing, seconded by M. Nation. The Motion was approved unanimously.

At 9:10PM the Planning Board continued the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted

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Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board



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Date: December 18, 2013 Time: 4:30 PM 8:20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
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MARTIN MITSOFF	960 S. UNDERMOUNTAIN ROAD	
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DAVID A. SMITH, JR	599 COOPER HILL RD	
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David West	636 Silver St	
Barbara West	636 Silver St	

Kathy Orlando	116 Main St	
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Chris Matus	77 Cobble Ln.	
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George Oleen	997 Foley Rd.	
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Stephen Leibowitz	67 Glennana Way	
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Chris Weld	1640 Home rd	
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Jeff Collingwood	703 Polikoff Rd	
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